GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE DIGITAL LIBRARY
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Science Communication (NISCOM) a constituent establishment of CSIR is the implementing agency for setting up of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed with any competent authority by NISCOM for the said purpose during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes Sir. The National Institute of Science Communication(NISCOM), a constituent establishment of CSIR is the implementing agency for establishing Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL).

(b&c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Director NISCOM on behalf of NISCOM and by Joint Secretary Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy(ISM&H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India for the establishment of TKDL.NISCOM has been assigned the responsibility for implementation of the TKDL project in phased manner inter-alia providing infrastructure facilities, setting up of TKDL hardware & software platforms, imaging and digitising of relevant texts, web hosting of TKDL and maintaining the TKDL portal.